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This makes the amount of The News subscription precisely \$1,300. This is still a long way from \$5,000, but it is a great step toward it, considering that, with two or three exceptions, the amount has come entirely from Indianapolis. It ought to be a good example and an urgent plea for the towns in the State to follow.

We noted a day or two ago the urgency of the Terre Haute people, which had in charge the Normal School and had asked \$10 of its own, that citizens of Terre Haute should come forward to have that great city worthily represented.

We note to-day, as we reprint elsewhere from the Pacific Press of New Albany, an appeal again from that paper to the people of its community to aid their mite, and that promptly. We wish success to these efforts for the good name of the State. We trust that every city and every county will be represented on the roll of honor that will accompany this token.

## THE SENATE RULES.

We are glad to know that another attempt is to be made to amend the antiquated Senate rules so as to make it possible for that body to transact business. What the American people have lost in hard cash by the inability of the Senate to close debate and come to a vote can not even be guessed at, but certainly the delay in repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman law was very costly. And so was the unreasonable prolongation of the tariff agitation. These two cases are only instances of what has occurred many times, and may occur many more times in the future. But the financial losses suffered represent a very small part of the harm done. Vastly more distressing than these are the increasing distrust and contempt for the Senate itself. This feature of the case has not been touched upon by the American people. The American people are patient and long-suffering, and they are, too, disposed to trust their public servants. But they are tired of senatorial courtesy and senatorial dignity, and all the pretense and humbug for which these things are cloaked. They know the ruin of which Senators are too often made, and with this knowledge it is impossible for them to have any superstitious reverence for the finished product. There is no reason why the Senate should not do its work, and do it promptly and expeditiously. Sloth is not synonymous with dignity.

But we have said that the growing contempt for the Senate is a dangerous sign. The fact itself can not be disputed. It may be, however, that the inference is not so clear. And yet it should be obvious enough. In a country where self-government prevails the people respect those who are temperately in authority, for if they do not, a feeling of hostility is sure to grow up, which must work out in bad results, both for that power and for the governed. Lack of respect for the law-maker will inevitably develop into lack of respect for law, and then comes anarchy—or reform. Besides, the Senate, at present constituted and directed, stands in the way of self-government. The theory which has prevailed in that body is that the will of the people is of little or no importance, as compared with the comfort and convenience of individual Senators, and that

the great question is not what the people want, but what the Senate will concede to give them. This is, perhaps, a brutal way of stating the fact, but the fact is undeniable. It is best to recognize it.

So it is that there was a change at least in the Senate rules. For our part we think that the reform should be pushed much further, and should extend even to the election of Senators by a popular vote. But we need not do everything at once. The adoption of Senator Vest's resolution making it possible for the Senate to limit debate would mark a great step in advance. It should be adopted and adopted at once. There will not be a time when there will not be some measure or measures pending which will be helped to a passage, or at least to a vote, by the proposed change in the rules. At present there are certain bills before the Senate providing for the admission of some of the raw materials of our industries free of duty. But that fact has nothing to do with the case.

The country has a right to have even such a bill passed. And we think that the Republicans will make a great mistake if they antagonize the reform in the rules because of the pendency of these bills. If they pursue the policy of obstruction, their action will become a precedent which the Democrats will be quick to follow, and so the reform will never come. It is not a time for playing politics, but for wise and patriotic statesmanship. Can the Senate rise to the occasion?

## MAKE THE JOB COMPLETE.

The Council committee having in charge the project of burying electric wires should accept of no compromise. The wires should be put under ground in the city.

We have no hostile feeling whatever to the various corporations who use these wires. We do want the proposition to settle the question by burying the wires in a few crowded downtown streets, and leaving the rest as they are, is not the way to settle it. A thing of this kind once done, by natural reason, is left alone for a number of years. It is not sufficient that the wires should be put under ground in the city, or that three business streets. They should be put under ground through the whole central part of the town—something like as far north as Seventh street; as far south as McCarty street, or even farther in the Virginia avenue region; as far west as West or Blake street; as far east as State street. There is no use taking two bites to a cherry. The city has the right to have these wires put under ground, and it has reached the stage in its development when it ought to have them put under ground. It ought to have them put under ground in the city, and it ought to have them put under ground in the city.

It is to be hoped in justice to all concerned that in the investigation into the methods of certain departments of the city government no sources of information will be neglected by the committee. Enough has been developed already to show that an investigation was desirable. The Board of Public Works appears not to have followed uniformly wise methods of conducting public business. At any rate it has let contracts without advertising for bids. The theory on which this has been done seems to be that advertising was not required by the charter where the contract was small, and where the cost of the work was not to be assessed against the property-holders. Indeed, Mr. Wildman says that in his opinion the board would have the right to award even large contracts without advertising for bids if there was money to pay for the work. He was asked this question by Mr. Young.

Suppose you wanted to build a bridge and the Council should appropriate the money, do you think the board would have the right to let the contract without advertising for bids?

This brought out the rather inconclusive answer that the board had "always secured competitive bidding." Whereupon Mr. Merritt asked:

Do I understand, Mr. Wildman, that you think it is left to the judgment of the board whether to advertise or not?

And Mr. Wildman thought that it was "left to the judgment of the board," though only "in such cases as those mentioned." It is, therefore, an interesting question as to how far competition can be legally dispensed with.

Other things have been shown which need explanation. We doubt the right of the board to receive and consider bids which had been opened in the engineer's office. And if it has the right there can be no doubt that it is unwise to exercise it. The significance of these opened bids should be made clear. Neither Mr. Wildman nor Mr. Kramer knows "whether the engineer opened them or whether he received them unsealed." They say, that opened bids have frequently reached the board. Sound business sense, it seems to us, demands a discontinuance of such loose methods. We can not but help feel that Mr. Kramer has placed himself in a very unfortunate position by his dealings with the contractors who built the Merrill-street sewer. The business of street-cleaning is not in a satisfactory condition, and it is not strange that a suggestion of favoritism arises from the fact that a member of one of the street-cleaning firms is a brother-in-law of Mr. Meyer, of the Board of Public Works.

But our purpose at this time is to remind the committee that it is not a court, bound by the rules of legal evidence. Mr. Young has the right idea. As he says, there is no need of "specific charges." A great deal of gossip has been about irregularity in the business methods of the city government. In the interest of the administration as well as of the city at large it is well that this gossip should be thoroughly sifted, and if irregularity does exist, no matter what its motive or character may be, that it be promptly corrected.

## THE STAY-AT-HOME VOTE.

The student of politics will find much to interest him in an examination of the returns of the November elections. In many ways our comparison of the vote in 1894 with that of other years will hardly aid us to an understanding of the marked change of attitude of the voters. The New York Times has collected the official returns from twenty-five States, and prints them by the side of the vote for 1892, and while the result is more a contrast than a comparison, an examination of the figures is not the less interesting.

It is suggestive to note that, while the landslide was accounted for, chiefly, for the reason that Democrats voted the Republican ticket to express their dissatisfaction with the course of their party in Congress, the stay-at-home voter was also an important factor.

For instance, in the State of New York, where, to be sure, there were important local questions involved in the campaign, the Democratic stay-at-home vote is shown by the Times to have been 35,902. The total Democratic vote was 546,103 and the Republican 673,513, a loss to the Democrats of 128,715, or 23.2 per cent, and to the Republicans a gain of 61,022, or 11 per cent. In New Jersey the Democrats lost 55,697, or 32 per cent, while the Republicans gained only 7,760, or 5 per cent. The Democratic stay-at-home vote here was 47,947. In Massachusetts the number of Democrats who refrained from voting was 32,885. The totals here are interesting: In 1892 the Democratic vote was 176,812, the Republican 202,814; in 1894 the Democrats polled 123,930 votes and the Republicans 189,207. The Democratic vote fell off 50 per cent, but the Republican vote did not gain thereby, falling off, on the other hand, 30 per cent. In New Hampshire the total phenomena are apparent, although in less degree, the Democratic loss being 30 per cent, and the Republican gain only 2 per cent. The Democratic stay-at-home vote is placed at 60,070. The vote in Ohio shows a Democratic loss of 127,183 from 1892, or 34 per cent, and a Republican gain of only 8,801, or 2 per cent. To the success of the Republicans 118,332 Democrats contributed by staying away from the polls. In Indiana the total Democratic vote was 238,777, and the Republican 238,005, being a loss to the Democrats of 2,065, and a gain to the Republicans of 17,170. The Democratic loss was 10 per cent, and the Republican gain 7 per cent. Democratic voters to the number of 6,915 did not vote. In Illinois, where there was a gain of 27,036 in the Popular vote, the Democratic stay-at-home vote numbered 45,303.

In Virginia the members of both parties appear to have been indifferent as to the outcome, there being a Democratic loss of 50,822 and a Republican loss of 21,970. The Democratic stay-at-home vote was 50,635. In Missouri, where the Republicans carried congressional districts which ordinarily go Democratic, 30,116 Democrats did not vote. Maryland Democrats, to the number of 5,629 kept away from the polls, very likely as an expression of disgust at the conduct of Gorman, which made it possible for the Republicans to show a majority in the State, though they gained only 3,382 votes.

It things go on at the present rate at the State House, we may soon be living under a nepotism form of government.

Friends who showered the Congressmen with flowers may have meant well, but the floral tributes strongly suggested the day after the wake.

The Indiana election law should be amended in one very important particular, and that is in the doing away with the stamp nuisance. Let the voter use a lead pencil, as they do in Ohio. Any man can make a stamp while any man can make a lead pencil. When the ink is off the stamp, it is off the stamp. When the pencil is off the stamp, it is off the stamp.

We differ in this with our esteemed contemporary and namesake of Connersville, and were we to put the question to a popular vote we are confident we should get about a nine to one decision on it. The lead pencil is easily handled by editors, bookkeepers, and clerks in those businesses where the work does not stiffen the muscles of the hands, and where a pencil is frequently used. But to the mass of mankind who labor with the hands, and in consequence of which the skin is to a greater or less degree hardened, and the muscles more or less stiffened, it is much harder to use a pencil than it is to use a stamp, which can be grasped danger-like in the hand, and which, when the use of a pencil depends upon the pliability of the fingers. A stamp can be and is held like a chisel or stick. It is the grasp primary and natural to human kind. Moreover, the additional protection in that use of the stamp is that the ball of the hand is a part of the official machinery. It is forbidden for any one to have a stamp about him, and the custody of the stamp is an important thing. With the use of the pencil it would be easier to make a distinction in the market. In the Indiana law show more practical wisdom than in this device of the stamp. We do not want to "do as they do in Ohio," in this and in a good many other things.

Fortune still has the swag.

The senatorial proceedings were continued yesterday by "a long and carefully prepared speech" by Senator Peffer.

The Democratic Senators are "cautious." That has a familiar sound.

Speaking of the administration's financial plan Senator Peffer is quoted as saying "I don't think the people of this country will grant any more gratuities to the bank that these institutions now enjoy." Senator Peffer always was down on anything that looked like special privileges.

A common hack-horse beat an elevated train in New York. The fact will furnish texts for Chicago paragraphs for years.

There is a report from St. Louis of a "bums' chameleon," as though they were something entirely new. But what is the matter with Senator Voorhees?

An official of the French government recently sent in a bill of costs, showing that the French Government had paid for the election of 1894. The bill was not only disallowed, but the official himself was dismissed from the service at once and he will be prosecuted in the courts. Castor and others, doubtless, will consider this a terrible case of injustice.

The people of Alabama can now see what a good thing they did by not electing Kolb.

We trust that Coroner Castor's withdrawal of his first bill is an indication of a renewed purpose on his part to live up to his ante-election promises.

Is the sugar trust still applying the money where it will do the most good?

Instead of being paid to congressional absentees, mileage should be charged against them for every mile that they are now distant from Washington.

## Love's Nocturne.

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